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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

At the United Nations World Environment Day in San Francisco last June, you sent a signal to the rest of the country – and to the world – that California is serious about reducing our contributions to global warming. You said:

"I say the debate is over. We know the science. We see the threat. And we know the time for action is now."

As a ski area operating in California, we couldn't agree more. We urge you and your administration to move forward expeditiously in implementing strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in our state to meet the targets you set: reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 2000 levels by 2020, to 1990 levels by 2050 and to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

Recent research demonstrates the particular impacts that global warming is having on the American West. We are already seeing some of the effects predicted by climate researchers: changes in the amount and timing of precipitation, decreasing snow pack, rising sea levels and changes in the timing of runoff. Ski areas would like to see solutions in place now to address global warming. Reliable snowfall, adequate snow pack and a stable climate are fundamental to our business.

California is uniquely positioned to take the lead on policies to address global warming. The state's policies should be based on a comprehensive analysis and robust public process, and should show how the different strategies will lead to attainment of the targets. Two initial steps that should be explored immediately include a cap on, and mandatory reporting of, greenhouse gas emissions.

We can do it – and we must do it, for our economy and our way of life. We must start now to develop conservation measures and advanced, clean technologies that can effectively reduce California's contributions to global warming.

You have our support, Governor Schwarzenegger. We urge you to now take strong action to ensure that California's global warming targets are implemented.

Sincerely,

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